

"I've learned a lot about business, I've learned so much about India and I've done real work that will benefit the company while learning about globalization and how that feels on the ground...Everyone has their own idea of what India will be like. But traveling throughout the country has made me realize how little it is possible to understand without being there...This internship has been one of the best experiences of my life. Not only have I grown professionally, but being in India has given me a new perspective on the world."

— Benjamin Ziomek, Bowdoin College, Infosys Intern

"The U.S. India Partnership is one of the defining partnerships of the 21st century."

— President Barack Obama



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U.S. Department of State Initiative seeks to build the next generation of leaders with India expertise



Mission

Passport to India seeks to dramatically increase the number of American students in India. Through partnerships with business and non-governmental organizations, the initiative promotes internships, service learning & study abroad in India.

“Passport to India will provide life-changing opportunities for American students to travel, learn about a new culture and experience a new work setting in India, one of America’s most important strategic partners. These experiences will help create a new generation of Americans interested in and knowledgeable about foreign affairs as the globe becomes increasingly inter-connected.”

— Robert Blake, Assistant Secretary
Bureau of South & Central Asian Affairs

Need

A strong U.S.-India partnership holds benefits for both countries, as well as the world. The U.S. and India are now cooperating on nearly every important challenge of our times, yet, few Americans have an exposure to or understanding of the country. In 2010, only 3,800 American students travelled to India for a study or internship abroad experience while nearly 14,000 went to China and more than 6,000 went to Japan. The Passport to India Initiative aims to promote India as a destination so more students have the cultural understanding and language skills that underpin effective diplomacy and foreign policy.



MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Demand

Interest in India is on the rise and Passport to India is helping to meet student demand for meaningful international internship experiences.

Private companies, both American and Indian, recognize the benefits of international internship programs. Business leaders know that a strong and diverse internship program not only helps build their talent pool, but student interns also become brand ambassadors.



ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION PUNE STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM STUDENTS

“We are proud to support the Passport to India initiative and we welcome more students to Infosys.”

— Kris Gopalakrishnan
Infosys Executive Co-Chairman